

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A polymer blend of an ethylene- $\alpha$ -olefin-diene rubber and a conjugated diene rubber suitable for use as a replacement for unblended EPDM rubber in automotive applications. The rubber blends of the present invention comprise

5 a high molecular weight EPDM rubber, a conjugated diene rubber, and a low molecular weight, high ethylene content EPDM rubber that functions as a compatibilizer. The resultant blend exhibits physical properties, including tensile and tear strength, that are comparable to conventional EPDM rubbers, while maintaining the excellent heat and weather resistance possessed by

10 EPDM rubbers.

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